

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

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Advertisements.—
85 Cents.—W. E. Aiken:
Sale and Feed Stables.—A. Williford & Son.
Citation.—J. A. Hinman—Judge of Probate.

Have your photograph taken before Winburn leaves.
—Mr. W. J. Shelton, traveling agent for the Columbia Register, is in town.

—Horse, Mules and a Two-horse, Second-hand Wagon for sale cheap by J. O. Boag.

—John Bausket, Esq., of the Columbia bar, is in town on professional business.

—W. A. Sanders, Esq., of the Chester bar, is in attendance upon the sessions of the Court.
—A lot of Single and Double Buggies and Harness, low for Cash or good paper by J. O. Boag.

—Those peach trees that had the assurance to come out during the recent mild weather have been nipped in the bud by the cold snap.

—The penitentiary guard came up on Monday and took down twelve prisoners to the penitentiary. One guard to twelve would have his hands full.

—This is positively Winburn's last week in Winnsboro. Photographs at greatly reduced prices. Best of work in cloudy weather.

—The Lancaster Review says: "There will be only one murder case for trial at the approaching term of Court." Congratulations, neighbor.
—We learn that there are nearly a hundred criminals to be tried at the next term of the Court for York county. There are about thirty defendants in one case.

—The regular March wind commenced active operations on Sunday and put in some hearing blowing. The wind blew at a terrific rate, and demolished several fences in different portions of town.

—Don't fail to read the advertisement of Messrs. A. Williford & Son in another column, and then give them a call, if you wish to purchase stock. They are offering horses and mules at prices to suit the times.

—We call attention to the advertisement of Dr. W. E. Aiken in another column of this issue. Read it carefully and be convinced of the fact that there is no necessity for you having rusty-looking vehicles any longer.

—The school at New Hope has been suspended for three weeks up to date, owing to the prevalence of measles in that neighborhood. The disease is still active there, but somewhat diminished as compared with the beginning.

—Mr. John Vinson, one of the most substantial citizens of this county, will leave for Texas soon on a prospecting tour. We hope he will be disappointed and remain in this State. Such men are a loss to the county when they leave.

—A private letter to his Honor, Judge Pressley, announced that three distinct earthquake shocks were felt at his home in Summerville, on the 25th. Several parties in town are sure that they felt a slight shock about the same time.

—Mr. Bryson has had much trouble in getting his insurance money for the burning of his dwelling-house last summer, but the matter was satisfactorily arranged last week, and Mr. Bryson will doubtless receive justice. A man has as much vexation of spirit in getting insurance money as he wants.

—The teachers of the county should bear in mind the meeting which will be held in Winnsboro on March 11th and 12th. Make arrangements to come as you will be greatly entertained and profited. The citizens will entertain the visitors at their houses, consequently the cost will be nothing.

—In Abbeville county a teacher of the first grade receives \$20 a month, in this county they receive \$30. We can afford to economize in educational matters least of all, seeing economy may be the most reckless extravagance. The School Commissioner of that county was elected on the cheap basis.

—The Richland delegation are urging Governor Richardson to appoint Mr. J. Q. Marshall as Solicitor of the Fifth Circuit, vice Mr. Bonham, deceased. It seems pretty well settled that either Mr. Nelson, of Camden, or Mr. Marshall will carry off the honor. The Governor will not err, no matter which of the gentlemen he appoints.

—If You Want a Good Article Of FUGO TOBACCO, ask your dealer for "Old Rip."

BANK NOTICE.—Beginning on Monday next, the 28th inst., the business hours of the Winnsboro National Bank will be from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., until further notice.

On! How Cold!—But to keep from freezing call at the "Old Reliable," where Mr. A. Augustus will furnish all comers with a nice hot Tom and Jerry, Hot Rum, Scotch and Brandy Pouches for Court week.

NOT GUILTY.—One of the prisoners tried at the present term of Court for stealing meat, after hearing a verdict of not guilty in his case, said that he was much obliged to the jury for the verdict, and that he took the meat but would not do so any more. The evidence against him was very slight.

CHILDREN cry for them, AND THE WOMEN do them, GEORGIA WORM CANDY, McMASTER, BRICE & KETCHUM.

SOMETHING ELEGANT.—Mr. S. R. Rutland was in town on last Saturday and as usual did not forget the newspaper. He will accept our kindest thanks for a bottle of his delightful home-made wine. It is as good as any one could wish, and is the pure juice of the grape. He still has a quantity on hand which he would be glad to dispose of.

PERSONAL.—J. T. Barton, Esq., of the Columbia bar, was in town on Thursday on professional business.

Mr. G. H. McMaster, who has been absent in Florida for a couple of weeks looking after his orange grove, returned a few days ago.

Messrs. J. K. Henry and A. G. Brice, of the Chester bar, were in town this week on professional business.

CONCERT AT OPERA HOUSE.—The concert announced to take place last week will be held on Thursday night, without regard to weather or any other hindrance short of an earthquake. The entertainment will consist of tableaux and music, given for the benefit of Mount Zion Institute. Doors open at 7 o'clock, concert at 8 o'clock sharp, and all it costs is a quarter of a dollar.

THE "OLD RELIABLE."—This popular establishment has been making extra preparations to accommodate persons in attendance upon Court, and will continue to do so for the remainder of this and next week. At the restaurant you can be supplied with the best the market affords. Fresh fish and oysters are received daily. And remember, also, that you can get the choicest drink, either to give you an appetite or aid your digestion.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Mr. T. F. Harrison met with quite a painful accident on Monday evening just after dark. While going along the sidewalk near the residence of Mr. G. B. Dunn, and while trying to avoid a muddy place he fell, his hip striking against a rock which was lying in the drain. His thigh was broken. Medical aid was secured and the fractured limb properly bound up. He was removed to his residence on Tuesday. He was summoned as a juror to serve at the present term of the Court, and was in attendance upon the Sessions of the Court.

ON WITH THE HUNT.—It is now a settled matter that Fairfield county is to be the camping ground of a number of gentlemen from Columbia and Winnsboro, who will, on the 7th of March, follow the cunning fox. The following we clip from the Columbia Register:

Tally-ho! Tally-ho! Kennel dogs, and get the horses into trim, for Columbian and Winnsboro followers of the chase are to meet in friendly contest to see whose riders and hounds will first be in at the death of the wily fox, which shall furnish the sport of the occasion.

The following letter from Senator Tom Woodward, of Winnsboro, explains the matter fully, and if the Senator hunts as well as he writes the Columbia contingent will have to use their whips and spurs freely to win the brush.

WINNSBORO, S. C., Feb. 19, 1887. Messrs. J. W. Long and J. W. and E. C. Shull, Columbia, S. C.

GENTLEMEN: On behalf of the Rockton and Winnsboro fox hunters, I hereby agree to your proposition to meet on the 7th of March at or near Doko.

We would have preferred a date sooner, as the month of March is frequently too windy for good hunting, and the female foxes are not in good condition at this season to make good game for us to meet you, and have a good, jolly, sociable time, as I know we will have, even if we catch no foxes. Any terms or details can be arranged by letter, and I shall bring, if not the fastest, certainly the finest pack which I have ever run, and when I state that I have been in at the death of over 2,000 foxes, I mean to be understood as considering myself a judge in such matters. I was out only three times this week, but brought in four foxes, one of them the most remarkable fox for size I have ever seen. But, gentlemen, you know the failings of dogs, men, and foxes, and are well enough to intimate that they are given to romancing, and for fear that some outsider who sees this letter may place me in the same category, I will not go further into detail at this time. I, however, notify you to bring your best dogs or you will get left. Can't you bring along old Tom Taylor and old Bill Stack? If these patriarchs of the chase are not too much stiffened up or stragglers to run with young bucks like you and I, they will certainly enjoy the trip.

Very truly,
T. W. WOODWARD, for Rockton and Winnsboro hunters.

THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. When we went to press on Monday evening the case of the State v. Sherman and Grant Boulware, charged with burglary had not been rendered a verdict. Grant Boulware was acquitted. Sherman Boulware was found guilty, with a recommendation to the mercy of the Court. They were both young.

The first case taken up on Tuesday morning was that of the State v. Dolly Middleton, charged with burglary. She had not secured counsel to represent her, but Messrs. C. A. Douglass and G. W. Ragsdale volunteered to represent her. After hearing the evidence the case was submitted without argument. Verdict—"Guilty," with recommendation to the mercy of the Court.

The next case called for trial was the State v. Enoch Jennings, charged with a similar offense, burglary. Mr. C. A. Douglass for defense. Verdict—"Not Guilty."

The Solicitor next called the case of the State v. Margaret Davis, Rosa Battiste, Jennie Haymen and Love Reddick, charged with burglary. It will be remembered that the above-named Margaret Davis was the party who entered the residence of Mr. R. E. Ellison, and took therefrom about thirty-three dollars. The other parties were charged with complicity in the crime. Margaret Davis pleaded guilty to the indictment. The Solicitor consented to a verdict of not guilty in the case as to Jennie Haymen and Love Reddick, as he thought it very improbable that a case could be made

out against them. The case against the remaining defendant, Rosa Battiste, was then begun. After hearing all the evidence for the State the Solicitor, at the request of the defendants' counsel, consented to a verdict of not guilty. Mr. C. A. Douglass represented the defendants.

The next case taken up was the State v. Annie Thompson, charged with burglary. Mr. C. A. Douglass for defense. Verdict—"Not Guilty."

The only other case disposed of on Tuesday was that of the State v. William Johnston, charged with house-breaking. Messrs. Ragsdale & Ragsdale for defense. Verdict—"Guilty."

On Wednesday morning the first case taken up was the State v. Benjamin F. Johnston, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. This case was quite an interesting one as the defendant was a white man. It was alleged that the defendant had made certain false statements thereby inducing the prosecuting witness, Mr. S. C. McDowell, to buy a certain patent right. It was claimed that the defendant represented to the prosecuting witness that the goods to be sold under the right could not be obtained from any one else. After hearing the testimony of the principal witness for the State, it was seen that no case could be made out, so his Honor instructed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty.

The State v. Jerry Stevenson and Allen Coleman was next called. The defendants were charged with larceny of cotton from the field, and represented by Messrs. Ragsdale & Ragsdale and J. H. Yarborough, Esq. At the close of the testimony the case was submitted without argument and the defendants were found guilty.

The next case was that of the State v. Wilson Jackson, charged with burglary and larceny. O. W. Buchanan, Esq., appeared for the defense. The defendant was found guilty, with a recommendation to the mercy of the Court.

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By agreement of the Solicitor and counsel for the defendant, the case of the State v. Jerry Milling was set for trial on Thursday. It will be remembered that about the first of last November, Mr. T. P. Bryson had his gin-house and saw run burnt. The deed was committed about three o'clock on Sunday evening. An investigation led to the discovery of tracks going to and from the ginhouse, which were traced for about a half-mile from the ginhouse. Some time prior to the burning Mr. Bryson had prosecuted Jerry Milling for larceny of cotton from the field, and he had been bound over to appear for trial. Suspicion at once rested on the defendant as the guilty party, and he was at once arrested. He was bound over to appear at the present term of the Court to answer the charge of arson.

In a few minutes after the opening of Court on Thursday morning, the Court House was crowded with persons anxious to hear the trial. No difficulty was experienced in procuring a jury, and the trial was begun. The evidence against the defendant was entirely circumstantial, and the defense relied upon an alibi. It was not until after three o'clock that all of the evidence was heard. Mr. G. W. Ragsdale opened the case for the defense, and in a well directed argument laid the case before the jury. He was followed by Mr. C. A. Douglass, who spoke for about an hour in behalf of the defendant. Solicitor McDonald closed for the State, after which the judge delivered his charge to the jury. The jury retired for consideration. After remaining out for about an hour they returned into Court, and informed his Honor that they could not agree. They were sent back and after remaining out for a while returned, stating that they still could not agree. His Honor told them that he could not enter a mistrial of the case at this stage, and that they would have to return to their room, at the same time instructing the Sheriff to serve them with some light refreshments, and that if they agreed before he had retired they could send for him. They returned to their room and in about five minutes returned with a verdict of guilty with a recommendation to the mercy of the Court. The jury were out altogether about two hours and a quarter, and the verdict was not rendered until about nine o'clock. The defendant was represented by Messrs. Douglass & McDonald and Messrs. Ragsdale & Ragsdale.

The first case taken on Friday was the case of the State v. Aleck Ellison, charged with larceny of live-stock—Messrs. Ragsdale & Ragsdale for defense. Verdict—"Not Guilty."

The next case taken up was that of the State v. Samuel Harrison, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill—Mr. O. W. Buchanan for the defense. The case was submitted to the jury without argument. Verdict—"Not Guilty."

The case of the State v. James White, for disposing of property under lien, was next called—Messrs. Ragsdale & Ragsdale for the defense. Verdict—"Not Guilty."

The next case called was the State v. Ely Edwards, charged with forgery. The Solicitor entered a *not pros.* as to Ed. Dunlap, who had been jointly indicted with Edwards, and made him a witness for the State. Messrs. Ragsdale & Ragsdale represented the defendant. Verdict—"Guilty."

On Saturday morning those prisoners who had been convicted were brought into Court for sentence. The following sentences were imposed, ranging as will be seen from ninety days in jail to ten years at hard labor in the State penitentiary:

Sherman Boulware, convicted of

burglary, sentenced to ten years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

Dolly Middleton burglary, one year in the penitentiary.

William Johnston, convicted of house breaking and larceny, one year in the penitentiary.

Margaret Davis, grand larceny, ninety days at hard labor in the county jail.

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Court convened promptly at ten o'clock on Monday morning. There was only one case left to be tried in the Court of General Sessions. This was the case v. George Mobley, charged with perjury. Messrs. Ragsdale & Ragsdale represented the defendant. After hearing the evidence the case was submitted without argument. Verdict—"Not Guilty." This concluded the business of the Court of General Sessions which was adjourned sine die, and the Court of Common Pleas opened.

The first case taken up in the Court of Common Pleas was that of Dr. Isaiah Simpson v. Dr. T. B. Madden. This was an action on account. The defendant pleaded a counter claim.

Messrs. Ragsdale & Ragsdale for the plaintiff. Messrs. McDonald & Douglass for defense. Verdict for the defendant for \$10.

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The third case taken up was that of Mr. U. G. Desportes v. Messrs. G. W. Crawford and Son. This was an action to recover a certain mule or the value thereof. Messrs. McDonald & Douglass for plaintiff. Messrs. O'ear & Rion for the defense. Verdict for the plaintiff for the recovery of the mule, or \$125, the value thereof.

SHORT WEIGHTS IN GROCERIES.

Messrs. Editors: Two of our merchants, hearing there was three separate lots of meal at our depot, walked down and asked the railroad agent to weigh six sacks of each lot.

Six sacks from H. A. McLemore & Bro., of Tennessee, shipped to J. C. Caldwell, broker, of Winnsboro, S. C., weighed 577 pounds.

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Winnsboro, S. C., Feb. 22, 1887.

Presentment of the Grand Jury. To the Honorable B. C. Pressley, Presiding Judge:

The grand jury, having passed upon all the bills submitted to them during the present term, beg leave now to submit their presentment.

We have examined the reports of the County Treasurer and School Commissioner, submitted to us by your Honor, and find them correct.

As the law now stands our schools do not get the benefit of all the school tax collected in the county. We recommend our representative in the Legislature to use their best endeavor to amend the law, so that all of the two mill school tax will be retained in the county.

We have examined the office of the Judge of Probate. The present incumbent has had charge of the office but a short time. His affairs are in a good shape. He keeps all the books required by law, and they are kept properly.

The conduct of the office by his predecessor is not satisfactory to us. We deem it proper that a thorough examination be made. We therefore recommend that a committee of three of our body, to be appointed by your Honor, be charged with the duty of making, during the vacation of the Court, a thorough examination into the office of Judge of Probate, and report thereon at the next term of this Court. The committee should be authorized to employ an expert, should they see fit to do so.

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For want of time we have not examined the bonds of guardians and administrators.

A committee of our body visited the County Poor House. They report the inmates properly cared for and satisfied. The number of inmates 26—of whom 11 white and 15 colored. They were pleased with the general appearance of the establishment. They recommended the chimneys and sky lights be repaired at once. They also recommended the Commissioner to look closely into the grocery accounts of the Poor House, as some articles they think are

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